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(SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Muhib Nimrat, Americas Desk Officer in the Foreign Minister's private office, on September 19. Nimrat said that an internal MFA recommendation would be made by International Organizations Chief Ayman Al Aamiry for the Foreign Minister's approval. While Nimrat was unaware of an official MFA position, he said he anticipated no problems regarding the GOJ's ultimate support of Ms. Gaer's candidacy for the United Nations Committee Against Torture.

(SBU) Post believes a follow-up call from IO A/S Silverberg would be welcome, and would be most effective if made to Jordanian Ambassador to the U.S. Prince Zeid bin Ra'ad, who given his long UN posting, probably follows these issues closely.

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